

Harriett Crabbs
Prole IA 50229

November 18, 1981

I found Evea Sanders' Parke County Marriage Records listed in the March 1981 catalog of Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe and am enclosing a copy of the catalog page. Since the Sanders book is still for sale, I can't photocopy the entire book without violating the copyright law, so I am returning your check.

I can tell you that the following marriages are listed in this book.

24 Oct. 1839 William Mains and Jemima F. Pruettt
28 Nov. 1839 Ephraim Moore and Lucy Jane Branson
21 April 1842 John F. Branson and Margaret Ann Mains

Several other Moore marriages are listed, but the first names are not the ones you mentioned. The Parke county courthouse burned in 1832, so there are no marriage records before 1833 even though the county was established in 1821.

The Parke County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms lists nearly three pages of Moores. This book is an index to the names in the various Parke county histories, and I copied the references to those I was sure were your ancestors.

The day I recieved your letter Mrs. Ruby Cronk, Martinsville IL 62442, was doing research in the library. She was originally from Parke county, and I know she has Bransons and Pruetts in her family. She said she has a great deal of information on a Joab Branson; I wonder if he was named for your Joab Moore. She copied your letter, so you will probably hear from her soon. Those old Parke county families intermarried so many times it's practically impossible to sort them out. Parke county is still a rural area with a small population.

Since I did not keep your check, you owe the library 40¢, plus postage, for the photocopies enclosed in this letter.

Nancy Sherrill
Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

Prole, Iowa 50229
9 November, 1981

Vigo County Public Library
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Nancy,

In your letter of 27 Oct., you said you would zerox pages of the Parke Co., Ind. marriages Book A by Evea Sanders. Are there too many pages to zerox it all? I have tried to buy a copy of the book but can't find one. If the enclosed check isn't enough for the zeroxing, I will send more.

I live in the country so do not have a library card. My daughter has one and she is requesting the circulating copy of Parke and Vigo Co. from you through the Des Moines library.

I am interested in information on my great-great grandparents who came to Parke Co in 1820, Jesse and Amelia Stone Moore, their sons, Thomas who was still in Parke Co. in 1840; Joab, nothing known of him; Ephriam who married Lucy Jane Branson in Parke Co.; and daughter, Naomi Pruitt. Would like information on any of this family or descendants. Also on Lucy Branson family. She had a brother John Branson who married Margaret Mains in Parke Co.

Thank you,

Harriett Crabbs

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Prole, Iowa 50229

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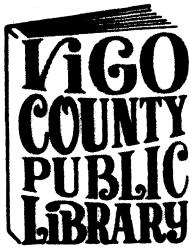
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Rockville phone book

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Angelina Rediger
P.O. Box 160
Coatsburg IL 62325

April 27, 1983

There are no Marriens in the index to the 1830 Indiana census. The closest names are Samuel N. Marron in Knox county, page 257, and James Marren in Wayne county, page 120.

I took a quick look at Parke County, Indiana, Will Abstract of Book 1, 1833-1853 and Abstracts of Parke County, Indiana, Guardian Bonds, 1832-1858 but didn't find any mention of Michael Branson. However, he could be listed in the county probate records if he died without a will.

The Michael Branson who married Rachel is not listed in the xeroxed pages from Genealogy of the Branson Family, which we have in our surname file.

Nancy Sherrill
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Genealogy Librarian

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Louis and Angel Rediger

April 25th 1983

Nancy Sherill
Terre Haute
Indiana

Dear Mrs Sherrill,

Thank you, You sent me exactly what I was looking for.

Rachael MARRIEN married Michael BRANSON 18 Dec. 1835 in Parke Co. IN.
Their children are: David, Jane - Elizabeth (twins) Mary, Michael, Lovina and Sarah.

Apparently Michael died between 1850 and 1860 : in the 1860 census Rachael is alone with the children.

In 1870 Census she lives with her daughter Sarah who married Samuel Martin.

In 1830 Census can you find any Marrien in Indiana? Parke Co. ? *None in 1830 Census Index*

I will try to get thru the Inter Library loan the Genealogy of the Bransons Families . In the extract you have is there anything on his children?

Also thank you for the address you enclosed, I am writing there by the same mail.

*Samuel
Marion
Knox Co p 512*

Genealogically yours,

ARediger

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THE NAME AND FAMILY OF BRANSON

The name of Branson or Brenson is said by most authorities to have been derived from the English name of Branston, anciently Branteston or Brontiston, which was taken by its first bearers because of their residence at a place of that name in Staffordshire. It is found on the ancient English and early American records in the various forms of Brontiston, Bonston, Branteston, Branston, Braunteston, Brannston, Bruntesun, Brunstun, Brunteston, Brunston, Braundeston, Bransdon, Braundestone, Branstone, Brannstone, Brounston, Brounson, Brandestone, Bransone, Brownstone, Brownston, Braunson, Braunsen, Bransen, Brunsen, Brownsen, Bronsen, Brownson, Brunson, Branson, Bronson, and others, of which the last form mentioned is that most generally accepted in America today, and the two forms immediately preceding it are still

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frequently used, while the form preceding them is also occasionally found.

Families of this name were to be found at early dates in the English counties of Stafford, Hants, Lincoln, Devon, Derby, Chester, Leicester, Norfolk, Suffolk, Warwick, Berks, Essex, and London and were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and nobility of Great Britain.

One of the earliest records of the family in England was that of Alwinus or Ailwin de Brontiston of County Stafford about the beginning of the thirteenth century. Alwinus or Ailwin was the father of a son named Robert, whose widow AVice was on record in the year 1250. This Robert is said to have been the father of a son named Richard, who had issue by his wife Margaret of William and others. At a slightly later date there was record of one Roger de Brontiston or Brantiston and his daughter AVice, and one William Branston of this line is said to have died about the year 1472.

Another early branch of the family is said to have been represented about the beginning of the

thirteenth century by Radulphus Brandeston or Brandeston of Counties Leicester and Warwick, who was the father of Radulphus, the father of Hugo, Lord of Brandeston, who is believed to have been the father of Henricus or Henry and Hugo of Hugh, of whom the latter succeeded his elder brother in the family estates and titles and left issue by his wife Margareta of Sir Henry and Bartholmew, of whom the first had issue by his wife Petronilla of Agnes and Rose.

One Ricardus or Richard de Brandeston or Branston is said to have been the father before 1249, of William and Geoffrey, of whom the latter married Sibill Phelip and was the father by her of Phillip and William, of whom the first had a son named John.

In the latter fifteenth century one William Branson or Bronson is said to have made his home in County Suffolk and to have been the father there by his wife Agnes of John, William, Richard, Thomas, James, and Christyn or Christian, of whom the first had issue by his wife Katherine of Thomas, John, William, Robert, Agnes, and Emma, of whom the second left at least one

son, named Stephen.
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A Brownson family is said to have appeared in Scotland about 1566, possibly having been descended from the Derbyshire, England, line. Of this family, four brothers, George, Richard, Robert, and Thomas, are said to have been the representatives in the early sixteenth century. Of these brothers, the first resided in Derbyshire and was the father of a son named George; and the second, Richard, is said to have settled in County Essex and is claimed by some authorities to have been the father of the emigrants John and Richard Bro(W)nson or Bronson (Who will be mentioned again later,) but this is not certain.

It is not definitely known from which of the many illustrious lines of the family in England the first emigrants of the name to America were descended, but it is generally believed that most, if not all, of the Brownsons, Brunsons, Bransons, and Bronsons were of similar and ancient origin.

The above mentioned emigrant brothers, John and Richard Bro(W)nson or Brunson, are believed to have

come to America in 1636, if not before, and settled first at Hartford, Conn., Whence they soon removed to Farmington, in the same colony. Some authorities claim that these two emigrants were accompanied by their father, Richard Brownson, but no proof of this statement has been found.

John Bronsen or Brunson of Hartford and Farmington about 1636 is said to have died in 1680, leaving seven children, Jacob, John, Isaac, Abraham, Mary, Doreas, and Sarah.

Jacob, eldest son of the emigrant John of Connecticut, is said to have settled at Waterbury, in the same colony, and to have had issue by his wife Mary of Samuel, Jacob, Roger, Isaac, Elizabeth, and Rebecca.

John, second son of the emigrant John of Connecticut, was the father at Waterbuty by his wife Sarah Ventriss of John, Sarah, Dorothy, Ebeneier, William, Moses, and Grace.

Isaac, third son of the emigrant John of Connecticut, married Mary Root about 1669, and removed to Waterbury, where he died about 1719, leaving Issue of Isaac, John, Samuel, Mary, Joseph, Thomas, Ebenezer,

Sarah, and Mercy or Marey.

Abraham, fourth and youngest son of the emigrant John of Connecticut, was married in 1674 to Hannah Griswold and settled in Lyme, where he left issue of Ann, Abraham, Mary, Mercy, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Frances.

Richard Bronson or Brunson of Hartford and Farmington, brother of the emigrant John, is said to have had issue by his wife Elizabeth of Abigail, John, Cornelius, Hannah, Elizabeth, Ede or Edith, Mary, and Samuel.

John, eldest son of the emigrant Richard of Connecticut, is said to have married Hannah Scott in 1664 and to have removed to Wethersfield, in the same colony, where he left issue of John, Mary, Isaac, and Joseph, of whom the three sons are said to have removed to South Carolina.

Cornelius, second son of the emigrant Richard of Connecticut, settled at Woodbury and is believed to have been the father of Richard, Cornelius, Elizabeth, Abraham, Stephen, Timothy, John, and Amos, but the name of his wife is not known.

THESE NAMES ARE TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS OF THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST SETTLEMENT

AND ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN AS A LIST OF ALL THE NAMES

Samuel, youngest son of the emigrant Richard of Connecticut, is said by some authorities to have married Lydia Warner and by others to have married Sarah Gibbs of Windsor, Conn., in 1687. His children are believed to have been Elizabeth, Samuel, Sarah, Benjamin, Hezekiah, Timothy, Daniel, Nathaniel, Michael, Anna, and Aaron.

Among the other early emigrants of the family to America were Thomas Branston of Henrico County, Va., in 1638; Thomas Branstons of James City County, Va., in 1638; George Brownson of Virginia in 1643; George Branson of Dover and York, Me., about 1648; and Robert Bronsdon or Bronsden of Boston, Mass., before 1670. who is said to have had issue by his first wife Bathasheba of Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph, as well as by his second wife Rebecca of Rebecca, Robert, Benjamin, and Sarah. For the most part, however, these early emigrants left no records concerning their immediate families or descendants.

About the year 1700, if not before, one Thomas Branson came from England to America and Settled in Chatham County, N. C. He is said to have left two

sons, Levi and Eli, of whom the latter is said to have returned to England, where he married, and then to have come again to America, settling in South Carolina, but his records are not complete.

Levi, son of the emigrant Thomas Branson, resided at Asheboro, Randolph County, N. C., and is said to have had, among others, Thomas, Joseph, Henry, Levi, Abner, Eli, Lydia, Rebecca, and Mary.

Another branch of the family is said to have been settled in Georgia before 1740 and to have been represented at that time by Dr. Nathan Brownson, Governor of that State, who was the uncle of one Dr. Richard Brownson, who married Mary McDowell and left issue by her of Nancy, John, Elizabeth, Abigail, Nathan, Timothy, and Asa.

There was also a Branson family in Stafford County, Va., before 1754, which is said to have been represented in the latter eighteenth century by one Abraham Branson, who was the father by his first wife Catherine Reese of a son named Reese. By his second wife, a Kiss White, he had father issue of Mary, William, Nathaniel, Isaac, Thomas, Joseph, and Benjamin.

The descendants of these and other branches of the family in America have spread into all parts of the country and have aided as much in the growth of the nation as their ancestors aided in its establishment upon this continent. They have been known for their integrity, determination of purpose, courage, leadership, and mental ability.

Among these of the name who fought in the War of the Revolution were Deputy Farveyer Pathan Bronson of Georgia, Ensign Michael Bronson or Brunson of Connecticut, Lieutenant Eli Bronson of Connecticut, and Vermont, Surgeon Isaac Brunson of Connecticut, Captain Isaac Brunson of Connecticut, Major Gideon Bronson of New Hampshire, and Benjamin, John, Larkin, and William Bronson of Virginia, as well as numerous others from the various New England and southern colonies.

Robert, William, Richard, Thomas, George, Isaac, Jacob, Samuel, Ebenezer, Abraham, Cornelius, Nathaniel, Joseph, Timothy, Benjamin, and John are some of the Christian names most highly favored by the family for its male progeny.

Two of the many members of the family who have distinguished themselves in America in more recent times are Orestes A. Bronson of Vermont, noted publicist, who was born in 1803 and died in 1876; and Solon Cary Bronson of Iowa, educationalist and theologian, who was born in 1855.

Among the many coats of arms which may possibly have belonged to the ancestors of the American families of Bronson, Branson, Brunson, and Brownson are those described as follows: (Burks, General Armory, 1884.)

Arms. 1 (Branson or Braunson).. "Per pale and per chevron Counterchanged argent and sable."

Crest. -- " An arm from the elbow erect holding a scorpion proper."

Arms. 11 (Branson)-- "Gyronny of eight pieces azure and or."

Crest. --- " A lion sejant or, Gorged with a collar sable, charged with three plates."

Motto --- " Dum spiro spero."

Arms. 111 (Branston) --- "Argent, on a fesse sable three bezants."

Arms. 1v (Branston) -- Quarterly. gules and vert, four buckles or."

Arms. V (Brandistone) -- " A pale fusily."

Arms. VI (Braunston) -- " Gules, a cross pomette voided or"

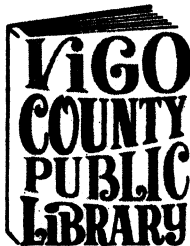
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Yours J. W. Branson
June, 17, 1938.
Wheatcroft Ky..

Branson Family



Mrs. Marian J. Zook
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August 23, 1982

Here are the copies from the Parke county histories and cemetery records for the names Branson, Cabbage, Coleman, McHargue, Mains, Miller, Moore, and Pruitt. We have files on the Coleman and Branson families, and copies from those files are enclosed also. I hope this information is helpful to you. There seems to have been more than one Jacob Miller, and it is difficult to know which was the right one.

There are 79 pages of copies which comes to \$7.90, so you will owe the library for the postage.

Elizabeth Bell Miller was Robert Mitchell's second wife. Her first husband was Jacob Miller, who died 1 Nov. 1823 at the age of 29. She had two sons by her first marriage, John B. and Jacob B., but these sons stayed in Parke county. I don't know anything about the family of Jacob Sr. By some coincidence, Robert Mitchell had by his first marriage a daughter Peggy Ann who married a Lewis Miller and moved to Albia, Iowa. Could that have been one of your Millers?

Mrs. Ruby Cronk was in the library recently, and I showed her your letter. She has also corresponded with John Wolverton and will probably be writing to you. She has information on many of the families in which you are interested.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

Aug. 12, 1982

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I am enclosing my check for \$8.00, for photocopies and postage. I hope this will cover all charges.

Cemetery of Rockville, The Bloomingdale Friends, The Denman, North Union, Clear Run, Rosedale, Pleasant Valley, Mt Moriah and Martin. The names are Branson, Coleman's, Pruitt's, McHargue's, Cabbages, Mains's, Millers (names Jacob, Christian, Joseph, Peter, John, Enos, Thomas), Moore's (names Jeremiah, Zadoc, Ephriam, Levi, Joab, Thomas.)

Families histories are Branson's, Coleman's, Mc Hargues's (James, Andrew, Alexander, William, Thomas, Stephen, Hiram Franklin, Anthony and John), any Mains's, Pruitt's, Cabbages's, Moore's and Miller's on the names I listed above.

Could you tell me if your ancestor, Robert second wife Elizabeth Bell Miller son Jacob middle name was (Kilber)? Our Jacob Kilber Miller father was Jacob and he died in Parke County, Indiana. His brother Joseph L. Miller raised his son, they came to Iowa in 1853. We do not know what Jacob Kilber Miller mother name was. Jacob and Joseph Miller father was Jacob L Miller and mother Catherine Lewis. The father was born near Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. The children was born in or near Somerset County, Pa.

My husband great grand father William Stephen Mains married Jemima Lorton Thrash Pruitt, there in Parke County, Indiana on 24 Oct 1839. We have not been able to prove it yet, but feel Pruitt are related to the Branson. I have received information from John Wolverton on his Branson side, that Absalom Branson married Jemima Lorton, and some of his children married into the Pruitts. There families came from Pittsylvania Co., Va., to Glaiborne County, Tenn., to Indiana. Who would give there child two middle names, like Lorton Thrash.

Thank you for your help and time. I hope this will not be to much work for you.

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Sincerely

Mrs Marian J. Zook

Marian J Zook
4000 Hubbell Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

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Emeline 34 KY
Lucretia 12 IND
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William 9 "
John P 4 "

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Charles Marion, WILLIAMS
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 WHERE Shelburn, Sullivan Co, Ind.
 WHEN MARRIED 8 May 1904
 DIED 20 Sept. 1957
 WHERE Shelburn, Sullivan Co, Ind.

Lula Belle, STEWART
 BORN 16 Sept. 1888
 WHERE Raymondville, Texas Co, Mo.
 DIED 10 July 1969
 WHERE Bloomington, Monroe Co, Ind.

Theodore Carr, WILLIAMS
 BORN 8 or 13 Aug 1851
 WHERE Vigo Co, Ind.
 WHEN MARRIED 19 Oct 1876
 DIED 5 Jan. 1928
 WHERE Sullivan Co, Ind.

Jemima Josephine, BRANSON
 BORN 11 April 1857
 WHERE Sullivan Co, Ind.
 DIED R#1 1947
 WHERE Shelburn, Sullivan Co, Ind.

Stephen, Heno, STEWART
 BORN 11 March 1851
 WHERE Naples, Scott Co, Ill.
 WHEN MARRIED 23 Dec. 1887
 DIED 27 Oct 1937
 WHERE Raymondville, Texas Co, Mo.

Jane Emaline, TOWNLEY
 BORN 23 June 1858
 WHERE Atlanta, Fulton Co, Ga.
 DIED 8 March 1933
 WHERE Raymondville, Texas Co, Mo.

Henry L., WILLIAMS
 BORN 1799

Clarissa, EL DRIDGE
 BORN 1808

Isaac, BRANSON
 BORN 1 Dec 1831
 WHERE Pittsylvania Co, Va.

Caroline, MAHAN
 BORN 13 Jan. 1832
 WHERE Kentucky
 DIED 16 May 1912
 WHERE Sullivan Co, Ind.

William, STEWART
 BORN 14 Feb 1820

Mahala, HENDERSON
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Thomas Marion, TOWNLEY
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Nancy Allen, JEFFERSON
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Nancy Allen, JEFFERSON
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Asa, BRANSON
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PARENTS' RECORD.

FATHER.

Asa Branson the son of Michael
Branson & Mary his wife
was born the 17th day of September
In the year of our Lord 1798

MOTHER.

and his wife was
a Nancy Allen Jefferson the
Daughter of John Jefferson
and Anne his wife and was
born in the year of our Lord
1801 on the 18th of October
Both born in the County of
Pittsylvania & State of Virginia

BIRTHS.

Isaiah Branson the son of esu
Branson & Nancy A. his wife was
born December the first in the year
of our Lord 1831 in the County
of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia

Nancy Ellen Branson daughter of
Isaiah Branson and Caroline his
wife was born April the 10th 1853

Noten Marion Branson, son
of Isaiah and Caroline
Branson, was born
Feb. the 21st 1855



DEATHS.

Ebra Branson the son of Michael
Branson & Mary his wife
Died May the 30th 1863

Nancy Allen Branson
The Daughter of John
Jefferson and Anne his wife
Died September the 14 1863

MARRIAGES.

*Isiah Branson married Caroline
Nahan on the 1st of July 1852.*

Asa Branson, Son of Michael
Branson and wife Mary was Born
the 17th day of September 1798
Died May 30 1863

Harriet Alice Jefferson daughter
of John Jefferson & Anne was Born
Friday of October 1807 Died Sept 14 1873
Both Parents were Born in
Pittsylvania Co Virginia Died ^{Sept} 14 1872

William Branson was Born 1831 Son
of Asa Branson and wife Harriet Alice. Born Dec 1 1831

Isiah Branson Died February 13 1875

Caroline Mahan his wife Daughter of Jeremiah Mahan and Jemima Branson was Born Jan 13 1832 Died May 16 1912
to this union was born 11 children

Isiah and Caroline were united in Marriage July 7 1852

Children

Mary Ellen Branson Daughter of Isiah and wife Caroline was Born April 11th 1853 Died May 30 1865

Walter Marion Branson Son of Isiah Branson & wife Caroline Born Feb 21 1855 {

Jemima Josephine Branson Daughter of Isiah Branson and wife Caroline was Born April 11 1857 Died

Asa Williams Branson Son of Isiah Branson and wife Caroline Born Sept 3 1859 Died March 30 1867

Jeremiah Branson Son of Isiah Branson and wife Caroline was Born October

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October 22 1861 Died October 22 1861
aged 1 day

Leroy Ann Branson Son of Jsiak
Branson and Caroline his wife was
Born Sept 25 1862 Died Feb 25 1946

Jsiak Jackson Branson Son of Jsiak
and wife Caroline Born April 18 1865
Died June 10 1936

John Webster Branson Son of Jsiak
Branson & wife Caroline was Born
Sept 2 1867

Charles J Branson Son of Jsiak
Branson & Caroline wife was Born
April 15 1870 Died June 29 1875

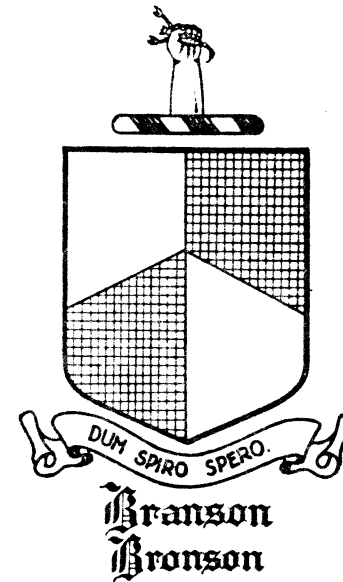
Emma Isadora Branson Daughter of Jsiak
Branson & Caroline his wife was Born
Dec 17 1873 Died November 4 1891

Lizzie Estella Branson Daughter of Jsiak
Branson and wife Caroline Born June 11
1875

All children were Born in
Sullivan county Indiana

Branson Family

GENEALOGY
—OF—
Branson Families
IN AMERICA



The Branson-Bronson coat of arms is of Scotch design. The motto DUM SPIRO SPERO on the scroll is, in English "While I breathe I hope." The small squares on the shield are for numbers. The names of the members of the family or clan are recorded and numbered.

WRITTEN AND COMPILED BY

George Branson, 18 E. Logan St., Brazil, Ind.
John W. Branson.....Wheatcroft, Ky.

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Son of Jefferson

Many of them settled in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and southern states.

The two names, Branson-Bronson, are of one and the same family. Their coat-of-arms is so labeled in England. It is an old Roman design, the Scorpion, representing the old military machine for throwing heavy stones in battle. Americans have no use for coat-of-arms.

Absolam Branson's date of birth and death not known. His wife's maiden name not known. Their son, Michael, was born in 1766. His wife was Mary Hammerick, born in 1762. Their children were:

1. Jemima, born in 1791. No record of her family.
2. James, born in 1793. No record of him.
3. George, born in 1795, and died in 1867.
4. Ezra, born in 1798. No record of his family.
5. Nancy, born in 1800. No family record.
6. Elizabeth Rebecca, born in 1802.
7. Michael, Jr., born in 1805.
8. Luke Laban, born in 1808.
9. Joseph Branson, born 1810. No family record.

All of these children were born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Some of them settled in border states. It is not known that Absolam had other children than the one son, Michael.

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HISTORY OF LEMUEL BRANSON FAMILY

This History of Lemuel Branson and his family was written by his grandson, Newton Branson, in 1901.

Lemuel Branson was born in Roane County, Tennessee, in 1810, and died near Mansfield, Indiana, in 1867. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Cena Branson; they were cousins. She was born in Roane County, Tennessee, in 1816, and died near Mansfield, Indiana, in 1861. They were charter members of Rocky Fork Predestination Baptist Church and are buried in the Maines cemetery.

To them ten children were born: 1st, was George W. Branson, born in 1835, and died in 1890. He was a soldier, a captain in Co. E. 21st Ind. Regiment. His wife was Hettie Catlin, born in Parke County, Indiana, in 1844. George and Hettie's children were: Nellie, born in 1868, and married

William Brubeck in 1888. 2nd child, Cora, born in 1870, and married John Henry Brubeck in 1889.

Lemuel and Cena Branson's 2nd child was Lucy Jane, born in 1837, and died in 1857.

3rd child was Erastus Denman Branson, born in 1840, and died in Andersonville prison in 1865. The number of his grave is 12,596. Erastus' wife was Margaret Elizabeth Singleton, born in 1845, and died in 1870. Their children were Newton, born in 1861, died about 1920. 2nd, Alvina Elizabeth, born in 1862, and died in 1863. 3rd child was James Erastus, born in 1865.

The 4th child of Lemuel and Cena Branson, Joab, born in 1842, and died in 1844.

The 5th was Ceborn Newton, born in 1844. Enlisted in the 43rd Ind. Regiment, and died at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1863, and was buried there.

The 6th was John Acuff, born in 1849, and died in 1898. His wife was Mary Mackabee. They had one child, Alice, born in 1875.

The 7th child of Lemuel and Cena's was Robert Chase, born in 1850. His first wife was Margaret Milligan, born at London, Roane County, Tennessee, in 1857, and died at Monticello, Illinois. Their children were: (1) Noah Edgar, born in 1878; (2) James Arthur, born in 1881; (3) Nellie May, born in 1883; (4) Daisy Dean, born in 1885. Robert Chase's second wife was Hattie Clemmons, born in 1863, at Keokuk, Iowa. Their children were (1) Robert Way, born in 1895; (2) Ellen Christena, born in 1900.

The 8th child of Lemuel and Cena's was Rebecca Ann, born in 1853. Married Frank Berry and died in 1884. Their children were: (1) Edgar Lawrence, born in 1874; and (2), Charles Berry, born in 1881.

Lemuel and Cena's 9th child was Mary Ellen, born in 1856. She married Jerome Elson. He was born in Ohio in 1845. Their children were: 1st, Orville Elson, born at Catlin, in 1877. The family moved to Great Bend, Kansas, where the rest of their children were born. 2nd, Stewart H., born in 1880. 3rd, Jerome E., born in 1882. 4th, Aubry D., born in 1884. 5th, Rosella G., born in 1886. 6th, William V., born in 1889. 7th, Chas. L., born in 1892. 8th, Clara L., born in 1894.

Lemuel and Cena Branson's 10th child was Christena, born at Mansfield, Indiana. Married George Clark and moved to St. John, Kansas. Their children were: (1) Clarence, born in 1882; (2) John T., born in 1889; (3) Estella May, born in 1892; (4) Hattie Ellen, born in 1894.

George Branson, Sr., born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, in 1795, died in 1867. Married Rebecca Lewis. She was born about 1800, and died about 1844. They had five children. They moved to Tennessee and later to Mansfield, Indiana, in 1837, after all of their children were born. Their first child was Anna Branson, born in 1822. She married Samuel King. They had one son. They moved to Iowa and took her father to their home and cared for him until his death in 1865.

The 3rd child of George Branson, Sr., was Michael Branson, born in 1827. Never married.

The 4th child was Jonathan Branson, born in 1830. Never married.

The 5th child was Laurena, born in 1832. She married Wesley Mallett. Their children were Mary Jane, George Thomas, Francis Marion, Andrew Jackson, Emma Louisa. The family moved to Wilson, Kansas, about 1872.

George Branson's, Sr., 2nd child was Matthew Branson, born in 1825, and died in 1856. His wife was Mary Overpeck, born in 1821, and died in 1889. Their children were: Marion, born in 1849, and died in 1911. His wife was Sarah M. McClain. They had no children. Marion was killed by a horse. Matthew Branson's 2nd child was George, Jr., born in 1852. His wife was Barbara E. Wimmer, born in 1849, and died in 1927. They had only one child, Cloe Branson, born in 1881. She married Bernard C. Craig, born in 1880. They have two children, George N. Craig, born in 1909, and Elizabeth W. Craig, born in 1913. George N. Craig married Kathryn Heiliger, born in 1911. They have one child, John David, born in 1936.

Matthew's 3rd child was Thomas, born in 1853, and died in 1928. His wife was Martha E. Mater, born in 1854, and died in 1929. Their children are George E. Branson, born in 1881. His wife was Daisy Hill, born in 1882. Their children are: Homer, Jr., born in 1910; Thomas, born in 1912; and Paul, born in 1917. Thomas married Ione Easter. Their son is Robert Dale, born in 1935.

Thomas' children are: Frank, born in 1884. His wife, Hazel Blake, born in 1889. Their children are Gertrude, born in 1912; Frank Max, born in 1917; Alice Marie, born in 1921. Homer Branson, Jr., married Pauline Collings. Their children are: Patricia, born in 1933; Georganna, born in 1936.

Thomas Branson's 3rd child is Homer, born in 1887; single.

Thomas' 4th child is Mary Jane, born in 1889; single.

Thomas' 5th child is Eric, born in 1893. She married Sheldon C. Brown, born in 1887.

Their children are: Mary Louis, born in 1920.

Carl Eugene, born in 1918; Martha Ellen, born in 1931.

Matthew Branson's 4th child was Ellis, born in 1855, and died in 1929. His wife was Malinda E. Winner, born in 1862. Had no children. They were school teachers.

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HISTORY OF JOAB BRANSON FAMILY

Joab Branson was probably a son of Hezekiah Branson, who died near Tazwell, Tennessee, in Claiborn County, in 1829.

Joab Branson, Sr., was born in Virginia about 1790, and came to Jackson Township, Parke County, Indiana, in 1831. His wife's name not known to me. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth, born in 1816. Married Elemuel Branson.
2. Michael, born in 1819.
3. Jerry, born in 1821. No record of his family.
4. George, born in 1823. No record.
5. Jonathan, born in 1825, and died in 1881.
6. John, born in 1829, and died in 1908. Married Nancy Lewis.
7. Nancy, born in 1832. No record.
8. Agnes, born in 1834. Married William Salmon. Had two sons, Meston and George.
9. Martin, born in 1838. No record. Moved to Missouri about 1878 or 1880.

10. Joab, Jr., born in 1842, and died in 1903. Was a soldier. His wife was Sarah A. Overpeck, born in 1845, and died in 1923. Their children were: Mary E. Branson, born in 1867. She married James W. Thompson, born in 1866, and died in 1914. Their children are: Ruth A., born in 1896. She married Luther Seybold, born in 1896. Their children are: James Jacob, born in 1917; William Kenneth, born in 1918; Ivan Richard, born in 1924; Robert Glenn, born in 1929; Carl Edward, born in 1933. Mary and James W. Thompson's 2nd child is Grace Agnes, born in 1899.

Joab Branson's, Jr., 2nd child is George Howard, born in 1868. His wife was Mary Stuthard. They have no children. Joab's, Jr., 3rd child is Lennie Branson, born in 1876. She married Charles Mater. They have six children: 1st, Lillie Hocker, born in 1895; 2nd, Frank Mater, born in 1897; 3rd, Foster Mater, born in 1902; 4th, Floyd Mater, born in 1913; 5th, Garnet Mater, born in 1916; 6th, Mabel Mater, born in 1920.

Joab Branson's, Jr., 4th child is William Branson. His wife was Elizabeth Byers. They have two children, Merle and Elsie.

Johnathan Branson was born in 1825, died in 1884. His first wife's name, I think, was Coleman. They had one daughter, named Telitha. She married Cager Rigdon. They had four children born to them: 1st, Rose Emma; 2nd, Matt or Matthew; 3rd, Ella; 4th, Lucy. Rose Emma married a Mr. Marlow; Lucy married Frank Chadwell; Ella married Cecil Snow; Matt's wife unknown to me.

Johnathan Branson's second wife was Elizabeth Lewis. They had five children born to them: 1st, Nancy Ann, married James Joiner, of Rockville, Ind.; 2nd, Martin, married in Kentucky (wife's name unknown to me), they had three or four children born to them; 3rd, Newton, never married; 4th, Lewis, married (wife's name unknown to me), they had two children; 5th, Norval married Estella Galeener, no children.

John Branson was born in 1829. His first wife's name unknown to me; died in 1908. Their children were: 1st, Isabell, born in 1850, died in 1919. She married Jefferson Hill, born in 1850, died in 1907. They had two sons: John,

born 1870; James, born 1873; one daughter, Letha, born 1883, died 1932. Second daughter of John Branson, Rebecca, married William Lowery. Her children were: Thomas, born 1870; William, Jr., birth date unknown., and Ann, born 1870. She married Soloman Garrigus, born 1879.

John Branson's second wife was Nancy Lewis, a daughter of Thomas Lewis, who moved to Parke County, Indiana, in 1837. First child by second wife was Delorious Evaline Branson, born 1856, died April 5, 1926; married Cyrus Bennett Woolverton in 1872 or 1873, born 1855, died July 4, 1926. Their children:

1. Claude, born Aug. 23, 1874; married first time to Olive Barney, 1899. Two girls born to them, Irene and Marie, at Rocky Fork, Colo. Second wife, Marie Amelunteen, of Wisconsin. Two boys born to them, John Earl, now living; Duncan, who died June 6, 1912.
2. Lena, born March 14, 1877; married first to Herbert Acres Oct. 5, 1898; lived with him six years. Married Valentine Mendel 1904, in Chicago; he died 1928. Married William S. Streiker, of Chicago, April, 1929. No children by either marriage.
3. Samuel Duncan, born Jan. 11, 1881, died April 14, 1910.
4. Mary Nancy, born Sept. 4, 1883, died June 13, 1887.
5. John Earl, born Dec. 17, 1887, died July 5, 1909.
6. Arie Etta, born May 28, 1891, died Nov. 6, 1909.
7. Edna Frances, born Feb. 8, 1895; married Roy Duvall Miller Oct. 16, 1912. One child born to them, Libby Deloris, Jan. 5, 1914. Married Mr. _____ Ruddock. One child born to them.
8. Hazel Thelma, born Feb. 19, 1901; married Herbert L. Maske, of Des Plaines, Illinois, June 7, 1919. Two children born to them: Joy Lois, born May 7, 1924; Herbert Lewis, Jr., born April 8, 1927.

Second child of John and Nancy Lewis Branson was Willard D., born Oct. 14, 1857; died March 17, 1936. Married Bertha H. Thompson May 1, 1889. Four children were born to them: Curtis, of Rockville, Ind.; Oscar, of Fort Wayne,

Ind.; Ray died at the age of 3 years and 3 months; Dorothy Hellen died at the age of 2 weeks and 2 days.

Third child, Lafaett, died in infancy.

Fourth child, Siles Edward, born 1866; married Perlyna Pruitt. Two boys were born to them.

Fifth, John Wesley, born Feb. 14, 1868, in Parke County, Indiana; came to Kentucky in 1893. Married Nora Bell Howerton Nov. 3, 1893. Six children born to them: (1) Everet Odes, born Jan. 5, 1895; married Pansy Clark, of Wisconsin. Two children born to them: Charles Wesley, Jan. 1, 1920; Norma Bell, date of birth unknown. After several years, Everett and Pansy, his first wife, separated. Later he married Edith Tolbott. One child was born to them, Mary Jane. (2) Charles Alton, born Nov. 17, 1897; died Dec. 27, 1897. (3) Maudie May, born Nov. 11, 1898; married Charley Brown. Two children born to them: Charles Wesley (birth date unknown); George Odes Brown (date of birth unknown); Maudie May Branson Brown, died Dec. 24, 1919. (4) Elva Eva, born May 11, 1900; married Leo W. Morris 1918. No children. (5) Hughie James, born June 19, 1902. (6) Mildred Nora, born July 31, 1904; married Roy Hearin. Four children born to them: Leo, born June 11, 1921, died June 22, 1922; Juanita, born Jan. 31, 1923; Ceia Youne, born Nov. 24, 1924, died April 9, 1925; Betty Jene, born July 9, 1926. Mildred Nora Hearin and Roy Hearin separated and divorced and she married Bennie Rickerson, and two children were born to them: Jimmie (date of birth unknown); Joy Evalin, born Feb. 22, 1934, died Nov., 1935.

John Wesley Branson's first wife, Nora, died April 10, 1907.

John Wesley Branson married Theodosia Queen Denny Aug. 29, 1908. No children born to this union. Her father was J. W. Denny, born in North Carolina.

John and Nancy Branson's sixth child was Charles Meston, born Feb. 22, 1870; married Fannie Williams. Four children born to them: Mary, married a Mr. Deplanty; Francis, married first Lemuel Osborn; he died. Second husband's name was Vanhook; Golda and Ralph.

John and Nancy Branson's children were all born in or near Mansfield, Parke County, Indiana, Jackson Township.

Mary Ann Branson, granddaughter of Joab Branson, married John Cabbage. Their children were: (1) Henry (killed in the Civil war); (2) Adam; (3) Campbell; (4) Nancy; (5) Jane. The last three named not married. (6) Jonathan married Nancy Jane Brown, and their children were: 1st, Ella, born in 1879. She married Clyde Overpeck. Their children are: Nitis, born in 1906; and Darrell. Nitis is an artist. She married Dr. John Shattuck in 1935. Darrell, born in 1909. He is a medical student at Indiana University.

The children of Jonathan and Nancy Jane brown are: 1. Elia Brown Overpeck; 2. Margaret; 3. Martha; 4. Sarah; 5. Manuel; 6. Adam; 7. John; 8. James; 9. Dennis.

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BRISCOE BRANSON AND FAMILY

Briscoe Branson, born in 1845, claims he came from Scotland. His last address was Carbondale, Illinois. His brothers were: Ellis, Leonard and Hezekiah.

Hezekiah's children were: Hugh, born in 1842; Abigail, born in 1848; William, born in 1850. William was a Predestinarian Baptist minister at Carbondale, Illinois. We do not know to which one of the three Branson families Briscoe belonged. He was of Scotch descent.

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MICHAEL BRANSON

Michael Branson, Jr., son of Michael and Mary Hamerick Branson, was born in 1805, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. His son, James, said his father first taught school two years and was a Predestinarian Baptist minister. Later he practiced medicine. In 1830 he married Sarah McNabb, near Knoxville, Tennessee. Their children were John, James, Felix, Thomas and Nancy. Nancy married a Mr. Curry. They had one son and two daughters. Felix had two sons and one daughter. In 1849 Michael and family moved across the country with wagon and team to the Ohio river. They procured a boat with all of their goods stored in it, crossed over the river and from Evansville went up the Wabash river to Terre Haute. He bought 120 acres of land from the Wabash and Erie Canal Company and settled two miles south of Farmersburg, where he lived until his death. The

homestead passed to his son, James, who died there in 1934, at the age of 81 years.

Luke Labon Branson, born in _____; was a brother of Michael, Jr. He moved to Hymera, south of Terre Haute.

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PRUETT-BRANSON FAMILY

The Pruett-Branson family came from Virginia (?) and settled near Mansfield, Parke County, Indiana, in the 1830's. Elizabeth Rebecca Branson, born in 1802, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, was a granddaughter of Absolam Branson. She married Johnathan Pruett. Date of his birth not given. Their children were:

1. Mary Ann; no record of her given.
2. Susan. No record of her family given.
3. Eliza Jane. She married Benjamin Michels, a soldier in the 71st Indiana Regiment. He was held in Andersonville prison for a while and released by exchange. Eliza died in Chicago. Benjamin returned to Rockville, Indiana, where he was born in 1841, and died in 1927.
4. Barthena. No record.
5. Jemima. No record.
6. Abraham, married Sarah Cooper; no children.
7. Marshall, married Sarah Thompson. Their children were: William, Elizabeth, and Willard. Marshall died about 1864. His family moved to Northern Indiana, where Sarah lived to advanced age.
8. James. No record.
9. Jonathan; not married; a soldier. Soon after he returned home went to the far west.

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MICHAEL BRANSON FAMILY

Michael Branson, son of Joab Branson, was born in 1819. His wife was Rebecca Moore. They were married in 1841.

They had only one child, Thomas, born in 1842, and died in 1917. His wife was Biddie Hart. She was born in 1845, and died in 1923. They had four children: (1) Michael O. Branson, born in 1868. His wife, Nancy E. Branson, was born in 1877. Their children are: Biddie J. Branson, born in 1896. Their second child is Josie M., born in 1903. She married William Thompson, born in 1904. Their third child was Theresa Branson, born in 1905. She married Raymond Bramlett, born in 1900. They have two children, Edward Lee, born in 1929; and Loretta Alice, born in 1931.

Thomas and Biddie's second child was Clara J. Branson, born in 1875. Clarence, a twin brother, born in 1875. Their third child, John, was born in 1880. Clara married Samuel Ames. Their children are: (1) Albert, born in 1896; (2) Charles J., born in 1899; (3) Everett, born in 1901; (4) M. Veva, born in 1903; (5) Pauline, born in 1913. Their grandchildren are: (1) Dorothy, born in 1922; (2) Mary H., born in 1924; (3) Albert, Jr., born in 1925; (4) Joanna S., born in 1930; (5) Patricia L., born in 1934; (6) Charles and Anna Wells Ames' son, Chas. W., born in 1919; (7) Everett and Sylvia Campbell Ames' children are: (1) Virgil Glenn, born in 1924; (2) Mildred L., born in 1925; (3) Norma Jean, born in 1927. Veva Ames married W. R. Stallcup. Pauline Ames married Ray Parsons.

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1768 TO 1934 BRANSON GENERATIONS

1. Moses and Sarah Branson, birth and marriage unknown.
2. David Branson, son of Moses and Sarah Branson, born in 1768; married to Sarah Antrem in 1791; died in Ohio. Sarah Antrem, born in 1764, died in 1821. Children of David and Sarah Antrem Branson were: 1. Stacy Branson, born in 1792; 2. Samuel Branson, born in 1794, and died in 1795; 3. Moses Branson, born in 1796; went to Southern Indiana. 4. Thomas Branson, born in 1798, and lived in Philadelphia.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS BRANSON IN 1836

1. Ellis Branson.
 2. Margaret, deceased.
 3. Col. David Branson.
 4. Thomas Branson, Jr.
 5. Dr. Mary Branson.
 6. Lucy Branson.
5. Sarah Branson, born in 1800; married Isaac Connarol; 6. Elizabeth Branson, born in 1803; married John Guest; lived in Preble County, Ohio. Their children were located near Clifty P. O., Decatur County, Indiana, in 1864.
- Their names were: 1. Thomas Guest; 2. Hannah; 3. David; 4. Stephen; 5. Sarah; 6. Mary; 7. Moses; 8. Elizabeth; 9. Louisa.
3. 7. David Branson, Jr., born in 1808; married to Mary Kenworthy, Preble County, Ohio. Their children: 1. Amos Branson, born in 1831, and died in 1911, lived at West Elkton, Ohio. Married Priscilla Evans. Their children were 1. Elizabeth Branson, she married Linn Glifford. They had three children: 1. Edith; 2. Lucy; 3. Fred, deceased. 2. Gurnsey Branson married Viretta Roberts. 1. Myron Branson. 2. Emma Branson were their children.
 4. Thomas Branson, son of David and Mary Kenworthy Branson, born in 1834, and died in 1924, at Amo, Indiana. Married in 1853 in Ohio, to Mary Jane Wasson, born in 1830, and died in 1918. Their children were Mary Emma Branson, born in 1854. Married W. B. Parker, born in 1875, and died in 1881. Children of W. B. and Mary Parker. 1. Everett Parker. 1. Everett Parker lives in Oregon. Has two children.
 2. Josephine Parker Beebe. California.
 3. Fred Parker, lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. Has one daughter, Frances Wildason, married. Frances Wildason has one daughter, Susa Lee Wildason.
 2. Jesse Kenworthy Branson married Rebecca Hodson. Lives at Amo, Indiana.
 3. Willie Branson, born in 1858, and died in infancy.
 4. Albert Branson, born in 1863, and died in infancy.

5. Carman C. Branson, born in 1869. Married Viola Shields. Are living at Danville, Indiana, R. R. 2. Their children are: 1st. David Ernest Branson, born in 1895. Married Ruth Bedell. They live in New Jersey. 2nd. Mary Frances Branson, born in 1900. Married Forest K. Blair. 1. Marilyn, born in 1932.

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BRANSON GENERATIONS

1. Moses Branson, date of birth unknown.
2. David Branson, born in 1768.
3. David Branson, Jr., born in 1808.
4. Thomas Branson, born in 1834.
5. Mary Emma Branson Parker, born in 1854.
6. Fred Parker, born in 1880. D. E. Branson, born in 1895.
7. Frances Parker Wildason, born in 1907, Cincinnati, Ohio.
8. Susa Lee Wildason, born in 1934, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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BRANSONS IN TENNESSEE

Hezekiah Branson died in Claiborn County, Tennessee, in 1829, near Tazwell. Some of his heirs are as follows:

Joab Branson, Jeremiah, John, Johnathan, Betsy (married Johnathan Pruett), Serena (married John Pruett), Sarah, Jemima, Mary Ann, Agnes.

The informant states there were some others, but the above named are the ones that signed the deed to the land Hezekiah owned at his death. Said land was located on the north bank of Clinch river, at the upper end of what is known as long bottom.

Wm. H. LEWIS, The Informant.
Lone Mountain, Tenn.

A PART OF THE HISTORY OF THE FAMILY OF BRANSONS IN HOPKINS COUNTY, KY.

By STROTHER BRANSON, Madisonville, Ky.

Richard Branson was born in Virginia; came to Kentucky about the year of 1772; went with George Rogers Clark on his expedition to Vincennes. Upon returning to Kentucky he moved his family to Indiana. Shortly after he died. Two men of Slaughters, Ky., went to Indiana and moved his family back to that town.

Thomas Jefferson, son of Richard Branson, had two sisters (names unknown). John Henry Branson, son of Thomas J. Branson, born Aug. 5, 1848, died May 9, 1936. Children of John H. Branson were: Sarah Frances, born Aug. 31, 1869; Joe L., born April 5, 1871, died Dec. 27, 1888; Charlie, born April 14, 1873; Walter R., born Oct. 10, 1876; Ova, born Oct. 14, 1878, died 1922; Calie, born June 17, 1881, died Aug. 5, 1886; Nora, born June 23, 1887. Children of Walter R. and Willie Reynolds Branson: Robert Henry, born March 22, 1901; William Strother, born Feb. 17, 1906; Maurice Reynolds, born April 26, 1910; Coleman Ira, born July 16, 1912; Mary Ruth, born Sept. 14, 1914; Nadine Frances, born Aug. 30, 1917.

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HISTORY OF BALOS BRANSON, OF WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY

I have met his grandchildren and we think he was a brother to my grandfather, Joab Branson. They are of the same stock and are of Scotch descent. He settled in Kentucky about the year 1832, and grandfather had a brother to stop in Kentucky the year he came to Indiana, and another brother that went somewhere in Illinois and settled the same time.

Balos Branson was born 1801, died 1886; buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Onton, Webster County, Kentucky. He was married to Margaret Timmons.

Children of Balos Branson—Rufes, born 1829; Lacky, born 1831; Frank, born 1832, married to Nancy Cobb; George, born 1846, married to Mary Cobb; Efrim, born 1847.

Children of Rufes Branson—Barbra, born 1849; Willis, born 1851; Thomas, born 1858; Brady, born 1860; Nancy, born 1862; Lucy, born 1864; Marthy, born 1866; Malissa, born 1867; Columbus, born 1871; Luvada, born 1872.

Children of Brady Branson—Effie, born 1885; Bud, born 1890; Euford, born 1900.

Children of Frank Branson and Nancy Cobb (first wife)—George, born (date not given), married to Anliza Wise; Laffete, born (date not given), deceased; Sarah, born (date not given), married to Wm. Louis Hancock; Iley, born 1865, died 1891; Bailey, born 1864, married to Artilia Chamberlain; Wm. Lonzo, born 1870, married to Fredonia Brans; Allie, born 1873, married to Benjamin Luck; James Fonzo, born 1876, married to Laura Luck. Frank Branson had one daughter by his second wife, Mary Rideout, name Lillie Branson, married to Arkanburg Dickerson.

Children of George Branson and Analiza Wise—Hattie, married to Dorris Hart; Allie, married to Ed Nance; Annie, married to Hartwell Marks; Ermine, married to Alver Jackson; Leo, married to Verla Dew; Earnet and Henry, both live in Akron, Ohio.

Children of Bailey Branson and Artelia Chamberlain—Nannie; Vergie, married to Mr. Grass; Eula, married to Mr. Foster; Frankie, died young; Foster.

Children of Wm. Lonzo Branson and Fredonia Brans—Bertha; Hobart, married, and has one son; Frank, deceased; Roy, deceased; Wh. L., Jr., married to Jetty Wilson, has one daughter.

Children of Sarah Branson and W. L. Hancock—Emsley, married to Leona Ashby; Vergie, married to Will Halle, children: Hazel, Ilyne, Lila, Bessie, Dandridge and Dora; Frankie, married to Clyde Melton, children: Murphy and Elsworth; Conrad, married to Mary Craig, children: Dorothy and Norman; Gordon, married to Eula Dunville, children: Halman, James and Frank; Lorene, married to Claude Branson, children: Liola, Bessie, Sarah, Evelyn, Georgie and Norris; Stella, married to Dr. J. E. Jenkins, children: Thula, J. E., Jr., John, and one other daughter; Roy, married to Lorene Winebarger, one child, Marietta; Vaughn, married to Belva McCurry, children: Kenneth and Josephine; Wm.

Louis, Jr., married to Elizabeth, two children, one daughter living, and Sarah Jane, deceased.

Children of Allie Branson and Ben Luck—Lurton, married to Lola Mahurin, children: Ralph, Dorris and Sue Beth; Violet, married to Robert Dunville, children: Bobbie Lee and Nancy Carol; Elen, married to Clarence Dunville, children: Rue Nell, Allie, Benjamine and Clarence, Jr.; Loretta; Naemi, married to Ervin Saddler, children: Jean and Joyce (latter deceased).

Children of George Branson (born 1846), and Mary Cobb—Rosie, married to Ellis Fridy, children: Alma, Annie, Marshal, Charles and Thomas; Lilburn, married to Jannie Ashby, children: Claude, Verna, Leona, Irene, Ben and Willie (Willie has one daughter, Ann Dora); John, married to Lizzie Slaton, children: Dalton and Hugh Graden; Maggie, married to Robert Winn, of Tennessee; Edward, married to Myrtice Simpson, children: James F., Author and Velma (died young).

Children of James Fonzo Branson and Laura Luck—Hermon (died in infancy); Clarenc, married to G. M. Friday, children: Maxine, Whit, Bobbie and Mary Lou; Albert, Odell, James, Naemi; Wilma and Wilbur, (twins, born 1910): Wilma was married to Julius Patterson 1931; Wilbur was married to Evelyn Clayton 1934; Lila, married to Malcolm Nance, one son, Wendell Morris; Malcolm and Mahlon, twins; Wallace McCoy (deceased); Kathleen.

Written by John Wesley Branson, of Wheatcroft, Ky., grandson of Joab Branson, who settled in Parke County, Indiana in 1831, and by Wilbur Branson, Hanson Ky., great-grandson of Balos Branson, who settled near Onton, Webster County, Kentucky, about the year 1832.

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BRANSONS OF HOPKINS COUNTY, KENTUCKY

By GILBERT BRANSON, Slaughters, Ky.
Great Grandson of Armstead Branson

Armstead Branson came to Kentucky from Virginia about the year 1830.

Children of Armstead Branson—George, born 1824, mar-

ried to Sarah Danah; James, born 1827; Isabell, born 1830; married to James Hobgood.

Children of George Branson—Harrison, born 1845, married to Sallie Beasley; Elijah, born 1847; John, born 1850; Newton, born 1860; Samuel, born 1857, married to Jennie Tomblinson; James G., born 1855; Kate, married to John Sisk; Nannie, married to Allison Ashby; Fannie, married to John Carlisle.

Children of Samuel Branson and Jennie Tomblinson Branson—Gilbert, born 1893, married to Froy Crowley in 1915; Grace, born 1895, married to Hobert Branson in 1917; Elnor, born 1900, married to Jack Ashby in 1919; Marjorie, born 1903, married to Marshal Majors in 1928; Georgie, born 1905, died 1907; Katie, born 1908, married to Harrison Clements in 1934.

Children of Elijah Branson—Charles, born 1895, married to Francis Royster; Evelyn, born 1893, married to Peyton Canary; Marguarite, born 1903, married to Mr. Canary.

Children of Charles Branson—Charles, Jr., born 1924; John, born 1926; and three other sons.

Children of Harrison Branson and Sallie Beasley—Lee, born 1870, married to Sadie Chandler; Otho, born 1872, married to Gertrude Orton 1910; Annie, born 1880, married to George Crowley.

Children of Lee Branson and Sadie Chandler—Wm. F., born 1898; Raymond, born 1902.

Children of Otho Branson and Gertrude Orton—Sylvia, born 1910; Ioan and Iola, twins, born 1914; and another son and daughter.

Children of John Branson (born 1850)—Paul, born 1890; Ed, born 1895.

Children of James G. Branson (born 1855)—Lola, born 1880, married to Albert Whitfield 1900; Lottie, born 1885, married to Harvey Hart 1912; Wallace, born 1887, died 1902.

Children of James Branson (born in 1827)—Perrean, born 1860; Howard, born 1865; both lived in Texas.

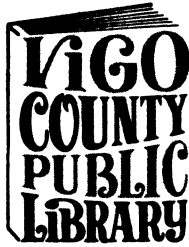
Absolom, Ware and Moses Branson came to America sometime between 1680 and 1700 with William Penn. Moses Branson settled in Pennsylvania, Ware Branson in New York, Absolom Branson in Virginia. My Great Grand Father Heskiah Branson, born about 1750 died 1828, was born in what is now Pittsylvania County Virginia, died in Claiborn County Tenn. near Tazewell Tenn. This sketch compiled by J.W. Branson of Wheatcroft, Ky.

Branson Family

Heskiah Branson	Born probably 1750 was probably a son of Absolom
His children	Branson. Died 1828 or 1829 near Tazewell Tenn.
Sarah Jane	Born June 1st 1791
Joab, My grand father	" July 31st 1793, died about 1851 or 1852.
Jeremiah	" Oct 4th 1795
Elizabeth (Betsey)	" Jan 29th 1795, married Jonathan Pruitt
Nancy	" April 3rd 1800, married John Cabbage
Jonathan	" Feb 25th, 1802
Maryn (Mary Ann)	" April 12th 1804, married Thomas Cardwell
Gemina	" Aug 17th, 1806
Hazekiah, Jr.	" Dec 1st 1808, probably died young as he signed no deeds.
Agnes	" Dec 22nd 1810
John	" May 12th 1813
Sarah	" April 22 1816 Married John Pruitt
Joab Branson	" July 31 1793, wife name unknown at this time
His children	Born in Pittsylvania County Va.
Elizabeth	" 1816 Married Elemeul Branson a cousin.
Michael	" 1819, married Rebecca Moore in 1841
Jerry	" 1821 No record
George	" 1823 No record
Jonathan	" 1825, married Elizabeth Lewis, died 1884
John My father	Oct 24th 1829, died 1908
Nancy	" 1832, No record
Agnes	" 1834, married William Salmon
Martin	" 1838
Joab Jr.	" 1842, died 1903, married Sarah Overbeck
John Branson	" Oct 24th 1829, died 1908 Married first Winney Emaline Hurley, born Dec 14th 1831
Children by first wife.	died, Aug 13th, 1853
Nancy Isabell	" Nov 2nd 1849, died 1819, married Jefferson Hill
Rebecca Abigail	" Aug 22nd 1851, married William Lowery
George W.	" June 3rd 1853, died Aug 11th, 1853
	Second wife of John Branson was Nancy Lewis, born Dec 21st, 1833, died 1905.
Delories Evaline	" March 19 1856
Willard D.	" Oct 14th 1857, died March 17th 1936
Children by second wife	
Loreyett	" May 14th 1855, died May 29th, 1855
Silas E.	" 1856, died 1901
John Wesley	" Feb 14th 1858, married first Nora Bell Howerton who was born Jan 31st 1875, and died April 10th 1907. Second wife of John Wesley Branson Desia Queen Denny, born June 8, 1879
Charley M.	" Feb 22nd 1870 died Jan 31st 1940
	Married Fannie Williams
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Charles E.	" Nov 17th 1897, died Dec 27th 1897
Maudie May	" Nov 11th, 1898, died Dec 24th 1919. Married Charles V. Brown. Two Children. O.W. and George O.
Elva Eva	" May 11th 1900, died June 14th, 1940. Married Leo W. Morris. No children
Hughie J.	" June 19th 1902, died March 23rd, 1939. Married Georgie Bennett. No children
Mildred N.	" July 31st 1904 Married first Roy Hearon, second Bennie Ricketson, 3rd S.M. Shunk Children by Hearon, Lewo, Celia Wyone, Junita, Betty Jane, by Ricketson, Jimmy.
Everett Branson	" Jan 5th 1895
Children by first wife	
Charles Wesley	" Jan 1st 1920
Norma Bell	
Children by second wife	
Mary Jane	" June 1st 1932
Everette	" Sept 22, 1927.

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Enclosed are copies from the 1860 and 1870 Parke county censuses. In 1860 I found Rachel Branson as the head of a household with children Levina, Mary, Michael and Sarah. I also found a Job Martin who had a son named Samuel. In 1870 Rachel Branson was living with Samuel and Sarah Martin.

We have a file on a Branson family which includes some copies from Genealogy of the Branson Families in America, written and compiled by George Branson and John W. Branson in 1936. Some of the members of this family (Lemuel, Joab, and Elizabeth Branson Pruett) came to Jackson township, Parke county. I imagine your Michael was related as that seemed to be a common name in the family. However, I did not find a Michael who married a Rachel.

Many of the old families in the township were interrelated. The Pruett, Coleman, Lewis, Thompson, Rigdon, Joiner, Garrigus, Cabbage and other families married into the Branson family. I have had several letters inquiring about the Branson family, the most recent from a Mrs. Marian Zook, 4000 Hubbell Ave., Des Moines IA 50317.

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If available in your library could you send me a
photocopy of the following Surname:

1860 Census PARKE County JACKSON Twp.

Michael Branson

Rachael (wife)

David son

Jane dau.

Elizabeth dau.

Mary dau.

Michael son

Sarah R. dau.

this is the family
as shown in 1850
census Parke Co.
Jackson Twp.

1870 Census PARKE Co. JACKSON Township.

Samuel Martin

Sarah R (wife)

Jackson son

Martha A. dau.

Thank you.

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Pages. ~~22 September~~

(69) 8 November 1828. Samuel Haislip and Jane Branson. Sur. John Bullington. William Haislip, father of Samuel, and Jonathon Branson, father of Jane, consent. Married 11 November by the Rev. William Blair. p. 91

(121) 6 March 1821. Jesse Peck and Jamima Bransome. Sur. Michael Branson. Married 8 March by the Rev. James Beck. p. 73

(17) 5 November 1821. Asa Branson and Nancy A. Jefferson. Sur. John Jefferson. Married 8 November by the Rev. James Beck. p. 72

(18) 2 April 1818. George Branson and Rebecca Mahan. Sur. James Branson. Married 2 April by the Rev. James Beck. p. 65.

(18) 21 October 1816. James Branson and Elizabeth Cook. Sur. Harmon Cook. Married 24 Oct by the Rev. Shadrack Mustain. p. 60

(21) 5 November 1823. John Bullington and ^{Susanna} ~~Jane~~ Branson, daughter of Jonathon Branson who consents, Sur. Pleasant Mahan. p. 77.

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- (13) 31 January 1828. Russell Blackwell and Judith Prewitt, dau. of Absalom Prewitt who consents. Sur. John Jackson
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- (19) 23 May 1819. Obediah Brown and Sally Prewitt. Sur. Austin Harriss. Married 1 June by the Rev. William Blair. p 68
- (38) 1 May 1819. Sampson Davis and Ann Prewitt. Sur. Joseph Prewitt. p 68
- (76) 20 October 1827. Isham High and Jane Prewitt. Sur. John Prewitt. Married 24 Oct. by the Rev. Clement McDonald. p 88
- (124) 15 October 1810. John Prewitt and Dolly Williams, dau. of Sarah Lovell. Sur. John Lovell. Married by the Rev. Joseph Hatchett p 49 (John Lovell was Dolly's step-father. He married Sarah Williams, widow, in 1796. See Register page 22.)
- (124) 17 June 1829. John Prewitt and Hannah Owen, who writes her own consents Sur. Joshua B Swain. p 94
- (124) 8 April 1818. Joseph Prewitt and Mary F Booker, dau. of Richard E. Booker who consents. Sur. John Bolling. Married 9 April by the Rev. James Beck, who says Frances Booker. (She was Mary Frances Booker.)
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- (124) 18 August 1826. Wiley Prewett and Nancy Carter. Sur. Ezra Walters. John Walters signs the certificate. No relationship given. He says, "by mutual consent of all parties." Nancy also signs the certificate. Married 22 Aug. by the Rev. William Blair. p 86
- (126) 14 March 1809. Asa Pruitt and Tabitha Ferguson, who writes her own consent. Robert Ferguson says daughter is 21. Sur. Charles Seal. Married by the Rev. George Dodson. p 47
- (126) 14 January 1829. Joseph Pruitt and Sarah Thomas who gives her own consent. Sur. John Merrick. Married by the Rev. Clement McDonald. (Minister says 15 December 1829.) p 94
- (128) 24 November 1825. William Reese and Sarah Bryant, who writes her own certificate. Sur. Wiley Prewett. Married 24 Nov. by the Rev. John Leigh. p 84
- (137) 3 March 1807. Charles Seal and Sally Prewitt, who signs her own consent. Sur. Solomon Seal. p 44
- (175) 14 December 1824. George Worsham and Susanna Prewitt Sur. Hugh Darby. p 82

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26 November 1777. Joseph Austin and Wealthy Prewett.
Sur. William Hoggins. Signs her own consent. p 2.

(13) 26 April 1794. Zachariah Butt and Elizabeth Prewett, da.
of Samuel Prewett who consents. Sur. Bazell Hawke.
Married by Rev. Richard Elliott. p 18

(16) 18 January 1798. Leonard Clark and Mary Burgess, dau.
of William Burgess who consents. Sur. Zachariah
Prewett. Married by Rev. William Wright. p 25

(19) 3 October 1777. Edward Covington and Frances Pruitt.
Sur. James Austin. Signs her own consent. p 2

(37) — — 1788. Daniel Hammock and Aggy Prewett.
Married by Rev. Richard Elliott. p 18

(41) 22 March 1794. Bazdel Hawker and Polley Prewett. Married
by Rev. Richard Elliott. p 19

(47) 30 December 1800. Obediah Johnson and Rossey Prewett. Sur.
Elijah Prewett. Married by Rev. Richard Elliott. p 29

(51) 10 October 1782. William Long and Rachel Prewett.
Married by Rev. James Robinson. p 4

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- (62) 20 June 1782. Julius Nickern and Susannah Prewett.
Married by Rev. Samuel Harris. p 4
- (67) 21 September 1789. Thomas Pointer and Elizabeth Pruett.
Sur. Thomas Shelton. Signs her own consent. p 11
- (69) 17 October 1785. Zechariah Pruitt and Jane Burgess,
daugh. of Edward Burgess who consents. Sur. Benjamin
Thrasher. Married by Rev. Samuel Harris. p 6